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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/666,951 Confirmation No: 7347  
Applicant : Friedhelm Beckmann  
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Title : Hollow Section with Internal Reinforcement and Method of Producing the  
Hollow Section  
Art Unit : 1755  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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  - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
- iii. ☒ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
  - ☒ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
  - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
  - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
  - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
  - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
  - ☒ A preliminary amendment
  - ☐ New arguments
  - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
  - ☐ Other:

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))**

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$385.00  
 Large entity \$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$385.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add.Fee	Or	Rate	Add.Fee
Total	19	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$0
Indcp.	3	Minus			x\$43=	\$		x\$86=	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+ \$145=	\$		+ \$290=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	\$0

- (c) ☒ No additional fee is required.  
 or  
 (d) Total additional fee required is \$

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension	Large Entity	Small Entity
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
four months	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00

Fee: \$

An extension for - months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

or

(b) ■ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

■ Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$385.00
Fee for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$
■ Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$
Total Fee(s) Due	\$385.00

### PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

■ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$385.00  
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

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### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

■ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.  
fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.  
a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately: being filed been filed

10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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